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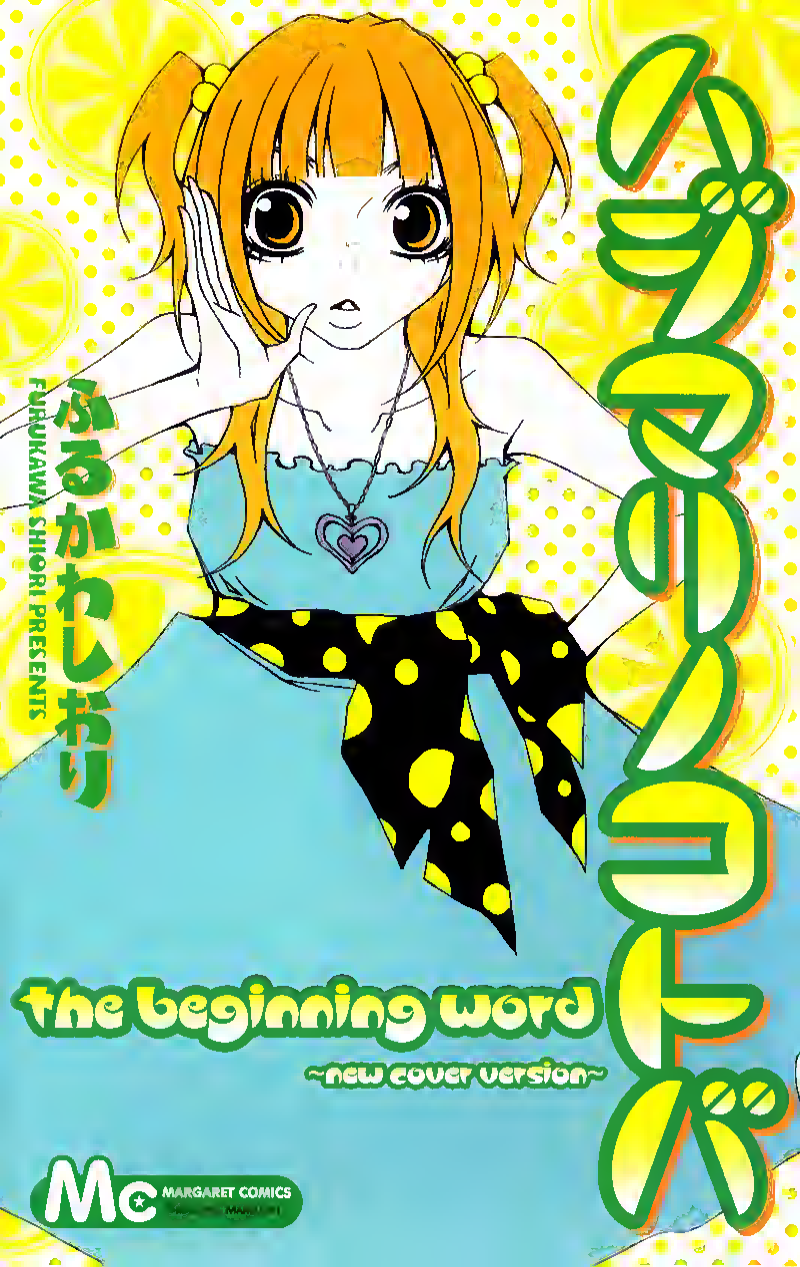
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♥Recently, I feel the time passing very quickly. During my grade school days, the days were long. I found myself thinking that I wanted to graduate quickly or that I need to become a manga artist quickly while studying and playing and eating a lot and sleeping a lot.... It seems like I was chasing time before. but now I'm in the position of being chased by time instead. I will try to fix the "Oh my gosh my deadline is tomorrow! What am I going to do?!... moments. Although I have no time. I will somehow try in order to become 1 step closer to being an adult. (laughs) Fufufu

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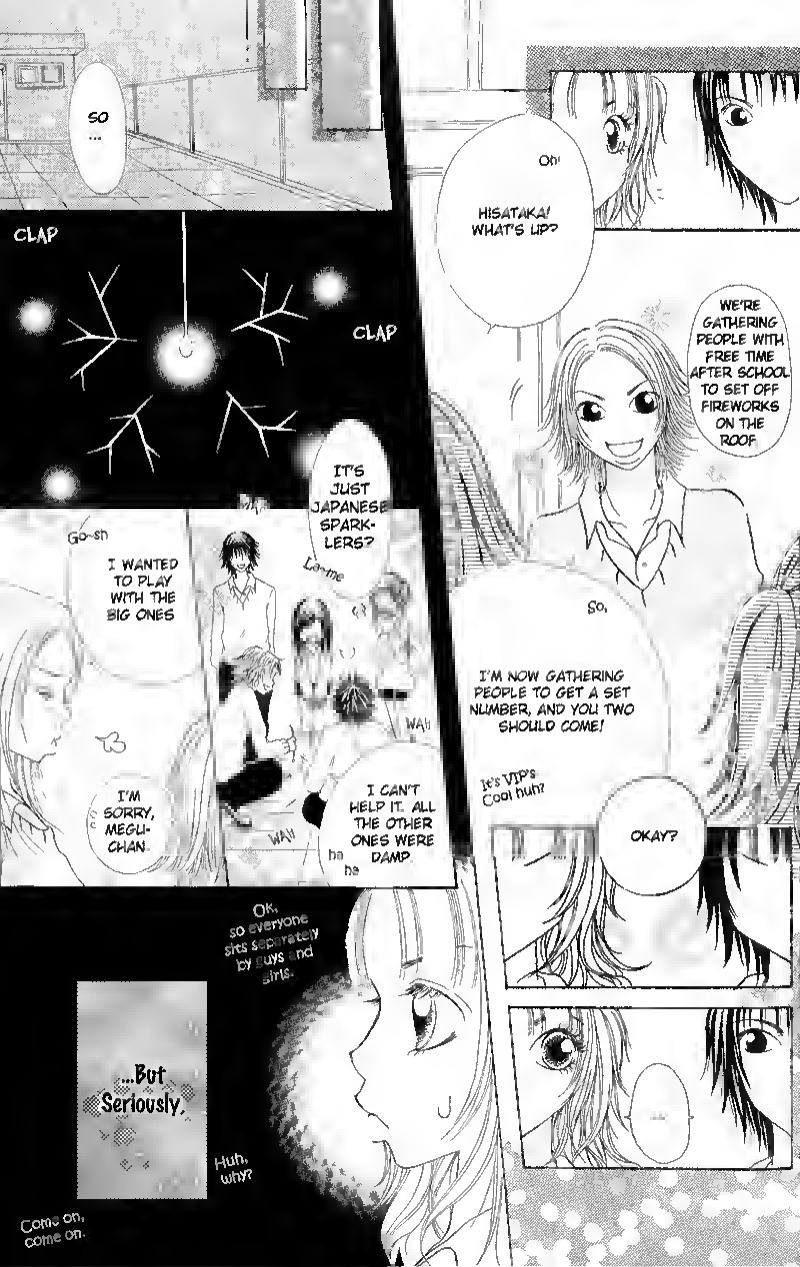
リビドー
FURUKAWA, SHIORI

Oh, no
THIS IS MY OCTOPUS WIENER!!
NO, IT'S MINE!!
HEY!
Momo-chan and Hinata-kun...
Screech
Brake
Whisper
HEY—
I GUESS THOSE TWO REALLY ARE GOING OUT, HUH?
WHAT?!
Come on bro, all this because of an octopus...?
NOW, NOW.
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF THAT RUMOR...
Let's go while we can.
Yeah.
munch
Whuh.
MY MR. OCTOPUS!

Because I've been wanting this wall of friendship to break down.
WE'RE FRIENDLY WITH EACH OTHER, SO PEOPLE THINK WE'RE TOGETHER.
...actually, I don't mind at all.
Isn't it to my advantage?
BUT IT'S ANNOYING WHEN PEOPLE SPREAD RUMORS WITHOUT ANY CONSIDERATION
People around us are just loud
Like Haya
THERE'S A GRAIN OF RICE ON YOUR FACE
...But when all's said and done,
Geez
It's always like this.
UFU.
AND UNLIKE MOMO, I'M NAIVE.
What is she supposed to mean?

...To think that way
when you always stay by me like this,
is alright, isn't it?
isn't it because you feel the same way too, Hinata?
If that's the case, he should hurry up and confess to me..
These things should be done by guys!
HEY, DO YOU WANT TO WATCH A MOVIE AT MY PLACE?
Oh, nice
OF COURSE IT'S TADANOBU ASANO, RIGHT?
The newest work
OBVIOUSLY
MOMO!! HINATA!!


So...
Oh! Hisataka! What's up?
We're gathering people with free time after school to set off fireworks on the roof.
So,
I'm now gathering people to get a set number, and you two should come!
It's VIP's Cool huh?
Okay?
...
Clap
Clap
It's just Japanese sparklers?
Wah!
Lame
Go-sh
I wanted to play with the big ones
I'm sorry, Megu-chan.
Wah!
I can't help it. All the other ones were damp.
ha ha
Ok, so everyone sits separately by guys and girls.
...But Seriously,
Huh, why?
Come on, come on.

HEY,
Momo
Why am I even here?
What's up with these eminent members!?
Person I like
Class Rank #1
Basketball Team Ace
Popular guy in class
Hinata
Wataru
Makoto
Hisataka
the rich girl
The calming/ healing type
COMMON
Miss West High
Tsume
Jyun
Me
Megu
IT'S PRETTY COLD OUT HERE. ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH,
I'M FINE
Oh well♡ I have Hinata, right?
I can even blow the cold away ♡
WELL, LET'S GET GOING WITH THE MAIN EVENT.
OUR TRADITIONAL TRUTH-BARING CONFESSION CONVENTION!!

YOU JUST HAVE TO CONFESS THE NAME OF THE PERSON YOU LIKE THE MOST OUT OF THE GROUP
Simple Right?
It's cold
...HUH?!
You see...
LIKE THE NAME SAYS,
Rustles Furi
Let's do it!
(T) I like Wataru-kun, too
I can't say 'Hinata' here!
So,
LET'S START WITH TOMOE-CHAN AND GO IN GIRL-GUY ORDER.
What the...
What?
What the heck is this?
Is someone out to get me?
If I confess here, the rumors will pile up and Hinata will probably be annoyed...
I don't really mind but—
...This
Chitter
(To) I like Wataru-kun
(Hi) I like Megu-chan
Chitter

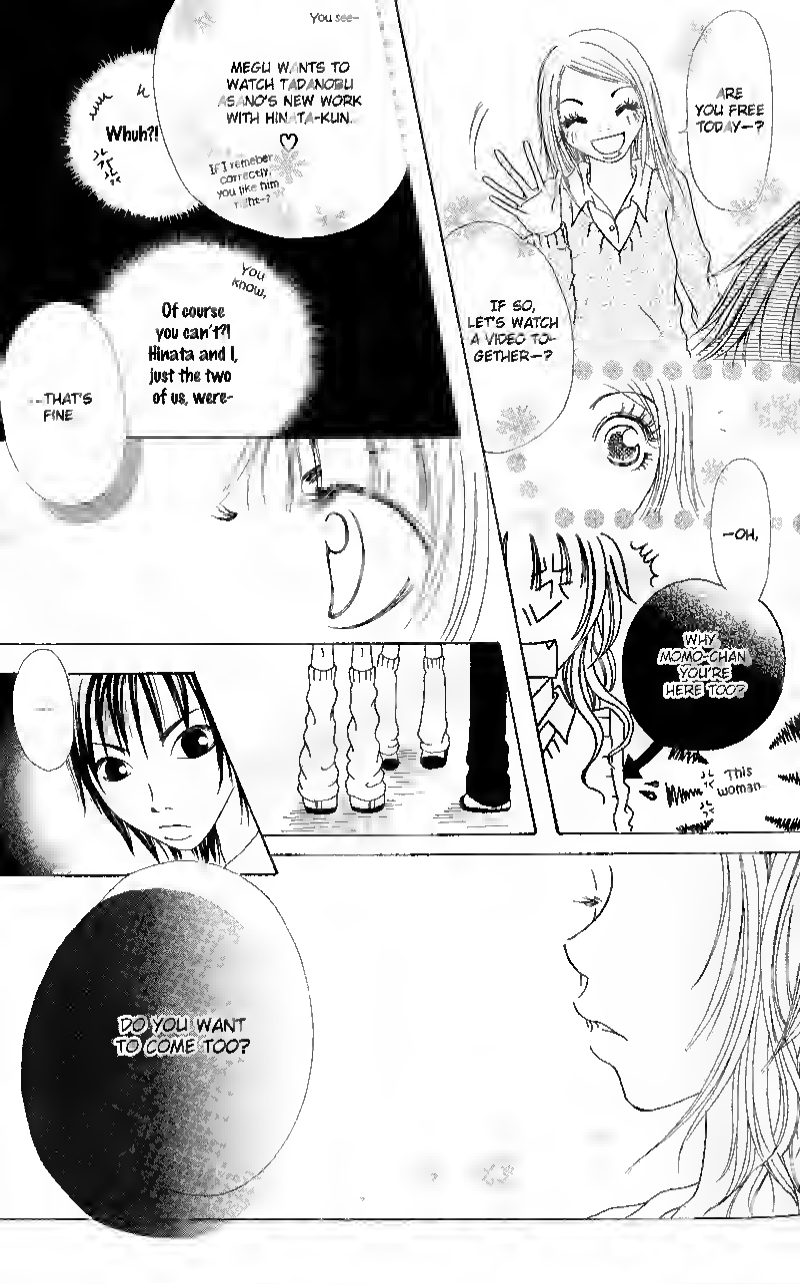
CLENCH
Me I choose Megu-chan too
Heh
Megu is so popular,
but is a no-brainer
I ENVY YOU WATARU—
He he
Okay!!
There's the popular Wataru-kun here so I'll just take the safe route—
I—
I CHOOSE WATARU-KUN TOO. I GUESS
He He
BA-BUMP
Wha-
You've said enough!
What if he finds out?
Wait a sec
Oh,
THAT'S GREAT!
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA BUMP
FWIP
WHA-T?!
Meg thought
MOMO-CHAN WOULD CHOOSE HINATA-KUN—
You see-

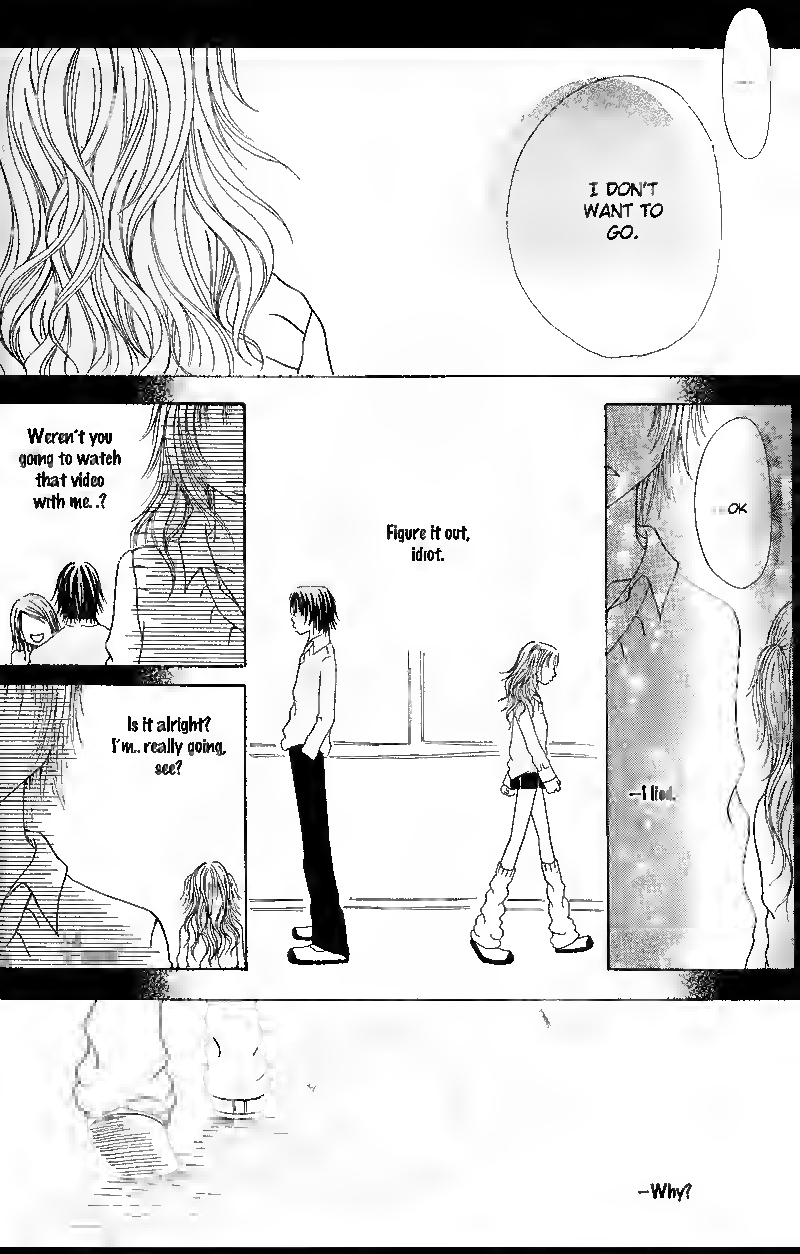
ACTUALLY, I'VE ALWAYS HAD A THING FOR YOU,
Momo-chan
BECAUSE MEGU ACTUALLY LIKED HINATA-KUN
Kya~
...Whuh?
...Huh?
Hey, Hinata!! Do something about this—
Wataru-kun likes me...? W-wait a minute!! Don't add extra obstacles at a time like this—
Wh... What? Megu likes Hinata...? Crap!! This situation is seriously unexpected—
...ME TOO
ACTUALLY THIS IS GREAT FOR ME TOO!!

I THINK I LIKE MEGU-CHAN TOO
—Huh?
Hinata-kun's an idiot!!!
GRRH
MEGU IS SUPER HAPPY! ♡
Play nice okay?
WE'VE CREATED 2 COUPLES!
Cool!
What the heck is this...?
I don't know what the heck is that guy thinking!!
Momo-chan ♥
What's going on!?
At-
Choo!

...WATARU-KUN.
WHAT IS IT? DID YOU CATCH A COLD?
NO...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
BA-BUMP
GYA!
...Eh?
FWIP
Hinata!!
...
Just now...
Why...?
He definately saw me, right?
—Then that means,

He ignored me!?
GRR—
Oh SORRY!
I'VE GOT TO MEET UP WITH A FRIEND FOR SOMETHING
I'll be right back
He has the nerve
to ignore me!!
WHY DID YOU IGNORE ME?
—NO REASON
WHAT DO YOU—
HINATA-KUN ♡


ARE YOU FREE TODAY—?
IF SO, LET'S WATCH A VIDEO TOGETHER—?
—OH,
WHY MOMO-CHAN YOU'RE HERE TOO?
This woman
DO YOU WANT TO COME TOO?
—THAT'S FINE
You know,
Of course you can't?! Hinata and I, just the two of us, were-
You see—
MEGU WANTS TO WATCH TADANOBU ASANO'S NEW WORK WITH HINATA-KUN. ♡
If I remember correctly, you like him, right—?
Whuh?!


I DON'T WANT TO GO.
Weren't you going to watch that video with me..?
Is it alright? I'm.. really going, see?
Figure it out, idiot.
OK
—I lied.
—Why?

BOO!!
Si—lence
EH?
...OH. WATARU-KUN
What a slow reaction
What's wrong?
YOU LOOK DOWN MOMO-CHAN
Oh.
IS IT MAYBE BECAUSE OF THAT RUMOR?
RUMOR?
Why won't you stop me —?

YEAH!
I heard it through the grapevine myself just now!!
THAT MEGU-CHAN AND HINATA ARE GOING OUT!!
Megu and Hinata are going out..?
That's why they were together... earlier?
No..
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THEY SEEM PRETTY GOOD YESTERDAY—
HUH?!
I don't want that—
MOMO-CHAN?!
There's some kind of mistake, right?

Creak
Hey, Hinata —
YOU NEED SOME-THING?
tha-dump
...I'm sure I had a lot of things I wanted to say earlier,
but the words won't come out properly.
huff
huff
...MOMO,
UH WELL
HINATA-KUN, THANKS FOR WAITING —
♡

MOMO-CHAN!! EARLIER, YOU—
HUH?
OH!!
Eh?
MOMO-CHAN— WATARU-KUN WAS LOOKING FOR YOU JUST NOW—?
He looked like his life depended on it.
Speak of the devil. ♡
Look!
GOOD FOR YOU, MOMO.
I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW GREAT YOU GUYS SEEM TO BE DOING.
...I SEE.

GOOD LUCK.
Hey!
WAIT FOR ME—
Man.
SO I GUESS THE RUMOR WAS TRUE, HUH?
Just like the grapevine said
—MOMO-CHAN?

These words...
I didn't want to hear them —
..Oh, I get it
WHY IS IT THAT OTHER PEOPLE CAN NOTICE BUT THE PERSON I'M ALWAYS WITH IS CLUELESS?
Somewhere in my heart, the entire time,
I wanted Hinata to realize..
YOU LIKE HINATA?
HAHA!

—I'M AN IDIOT.
I...
haven't conveyed anything across to him yet.
He won't know if I keep wishing.
He won't understand anything if I don't put it in words—
...I'M SORRY!!
I'M GOING AFTER HIM!!

Forgotten the feelings I wanted to convey myself —
I'm just a supporting character anyway... Momo-chan...
Somewhere along the line... I'd forgotten.
TAP
Continuing like this..
...it's okay even if I m rejected.
without doing anything.
KYA!
THUD!
BLOOD!
and regretting it later is way worse —
HAYASHI CON
Pant
Pant
OUCH —

Sounds like fun~ Megu wants to go too!
I found her!
Huh?
SERIOUSLY?
Pant
FWIP
FWIP
Then, I'LL GO THERE RIGHT AWAY!
HUH? HINATA-KUN? IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE! I'LL LOSE HIM!
Megu finds that boring, so I'm waiting at the convenience store.
Somehow,
HE'S DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I THOUGHT HE'S SO STRAIGHT-EDGED THAT HE'S BORING
Ufufu
KYA!
GRAB
CRASH
. .OH

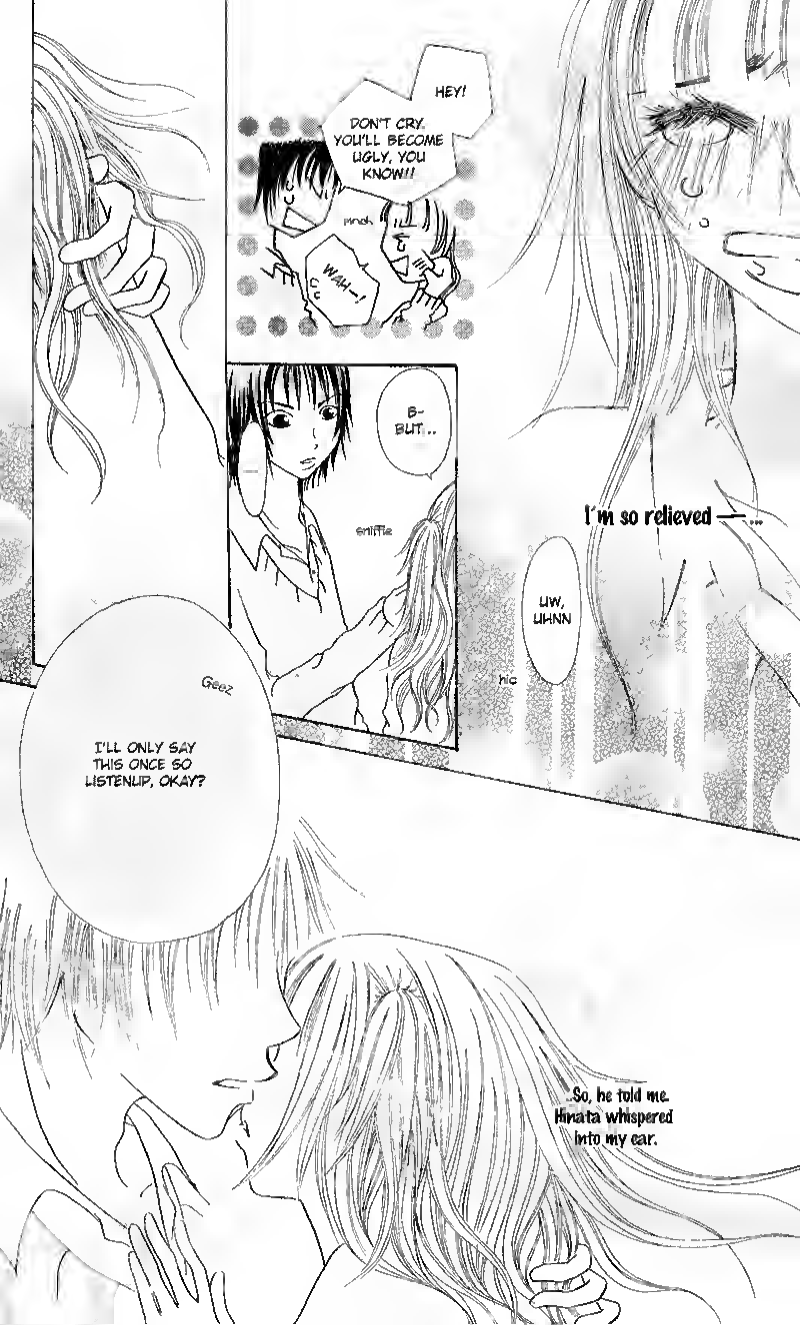
About Hinata... you don't know a thing about him.
WHY IS MOMO-CHAN HERE?
DON'T SCREW WITH ME!
DON'T TALK LIKE YOU KNOW HIM!!
HI NATA.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE SO MUCH ABOUT HER?
But, she's a person who only looks at the surface...
I KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU, YOU KNOW...
Hinata—
YOUR GOOD SIDE AND BAD SIDE...
EVEN YOUR KIND SIDE...
I've been at your side watching you .. always.
THAT'S DANGEROUS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WH
WHY ARE YOU STOPPING ME?

I like you lots and lots...
PLEASE LEAVE
I DEFINITELY LIKE HINATA MORE!
...SO WHY DID YOU CHOOSE MEGU?

...I'M SORRY MEGU-CHAN—
Hinata—
AWW— GEEZ!!
She said have a happy—
...Huh?
WHAT? WHAT DID SHE MEAN BY...
GAH—
I guess I'm the bad guy.
Bleh
HAVE A HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER!!
THAT'S WHY I HATE STRAIGHT-EDGED GUYS!!

I WAS SO STUPID
I THOUGHT THAT MOMO LIKED WATARU...
What...?
Gasp
I HAVEN'T BEEN MYSELF SINCE YESTERDAY.
Sigh
—Could it be?
YOU'RE NOT GOING OUT WITH MEGU?
HUH?!
OF COURSE NOT! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
So that's how it is..
TRUTH IS, TODAY'S VIDEO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE...


HEY!
DON'T CRY. YOU'LL BECOME UGLY, YOU KNOW!!
mnh
WAH~!
B-BUT..
sniffle
I'm so relieved —...
UW, UHNN
hic
Geez
I'LL ONLY SAY THIS ONCE SO LISTENUP, OKAY?
...So, he told me. Hinata whispered into my ear.

...ME TOO.

That was the wonderful spell
which ceased my tears in a second.

And, it shall always
remain in my ear.

Happiness with a little warmth —

I like you.